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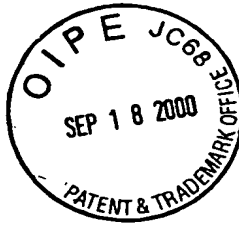
In re application of:

HESKETH *et al.*

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows:

***Amendments***

***In the Specification:***

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following sentence:

a! This application is a continuation of the international application, PCT/GB98/02664, filed September 4, 1998 and published as WO 99/13090, which claims priority benefit to British application no. GB 9718908.8, filed September 5, 1997, the full disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 1-8.

Please add the following new claims: